

- Noise characterization using Earth scene data (7/3, 8/1 Net-Meetings)
- Cloud flag using AIRS and MODIS data (7/3, 8/1, 8/15 Net-Meetings)
- Broadband radiance comparisons with GOES and MODIS (7/3, 8/1, 8/15 Net-Meetings)
- Obs-Calcs using PREPQC and ARM site profiles (7/3 Net-Meeting)
- ARM site atmospheric state best estimate
- Upcoming aircraft under-flight and ground based LST/ε validation opportunities
- → Dome Concordia Validation Project Status (PI: V. Walden)



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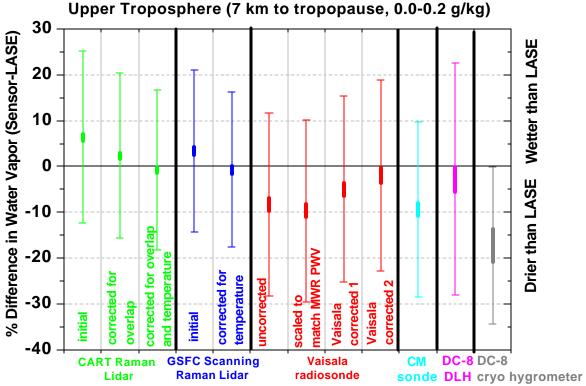
ARM Site Atmospheric State Best Estimate



- Now using JPL matchup files to initiate algorithm
- Algorithm is initiated for each *Match_Fixed_ValSites* matchup file found. Uses closest (in space) ARM site matchup per overpass found in matchup file.
- Overpass dedicated sonde launches began in last week of July.
- Some new fields in output file: lwpSite, granule_number, matchupFile, matchup_index
- Southern Great Plains
 - "Full" algorithm (v1.0) in place. Well, almost currently working on uncertainty estimates.
 - Files available from weather:/dom/files/ops/correl/point/YYYY/MM/ded_site/armbe*.cdf
 - Auxillary images and plots available from http://airs3.ssec.wisc.edu/~airs/aaasbe/
- North Slope of Alaska and Tropical Western Pacific
 - Currently using a simplified algorithm. Does "plain" interpolation in time between sondes to overpass time and MWR pwv scaling.
 - NSA sonde data ingest being worked
 - TWP sonde data accessible 1-2 months after collection
- Upper trop sonde water vapor corrections
 - to be implemented, based on recent Wang et. al JTECH paper

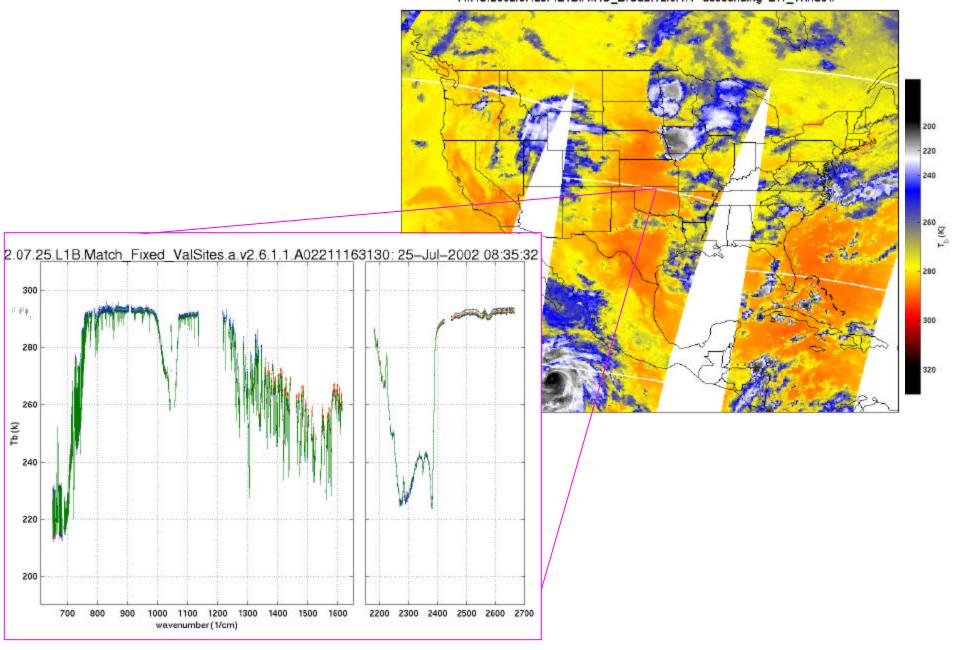
ARM Water Vapor Research. Updates

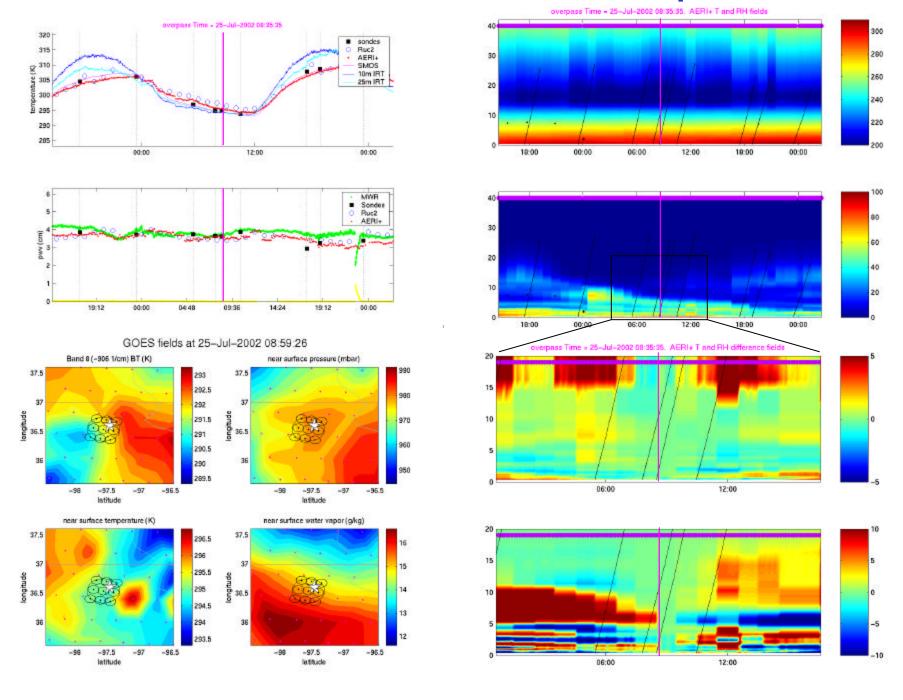
• Assessment of Upper Troposphere Water Vapor Measurements during AFWEX using LASE. c/o R. Ferrare, Water Vapor Breakout Meeting, ARM STM April 2002.



• PWV derived from 23.8 GHz MWR at SGP site accurate to ~1 percent. PWV values from standard ARM processing of MWR are ~1 percent too moist. Based on 22 GHZ line analysis c/o S. A. Clough using a multi-frequency MWR-profiler.

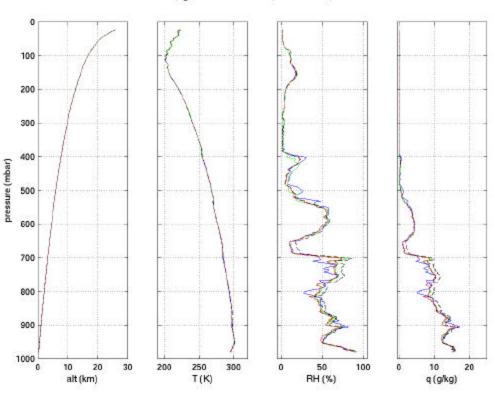
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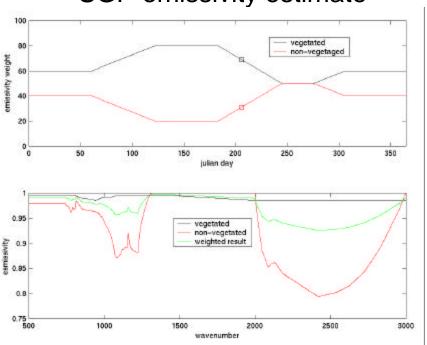


Best estimate profiles

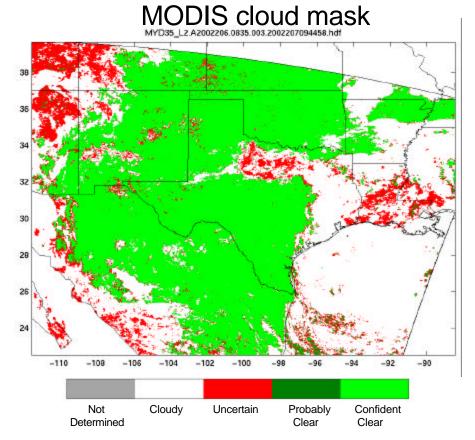


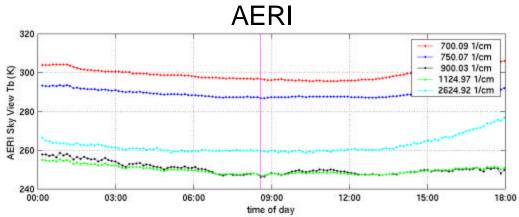


SGP emissivity estimate



25-Jul-2002 08:35 ARM SGP Overpass. Is it clear?

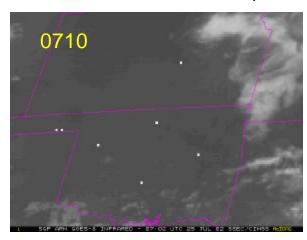




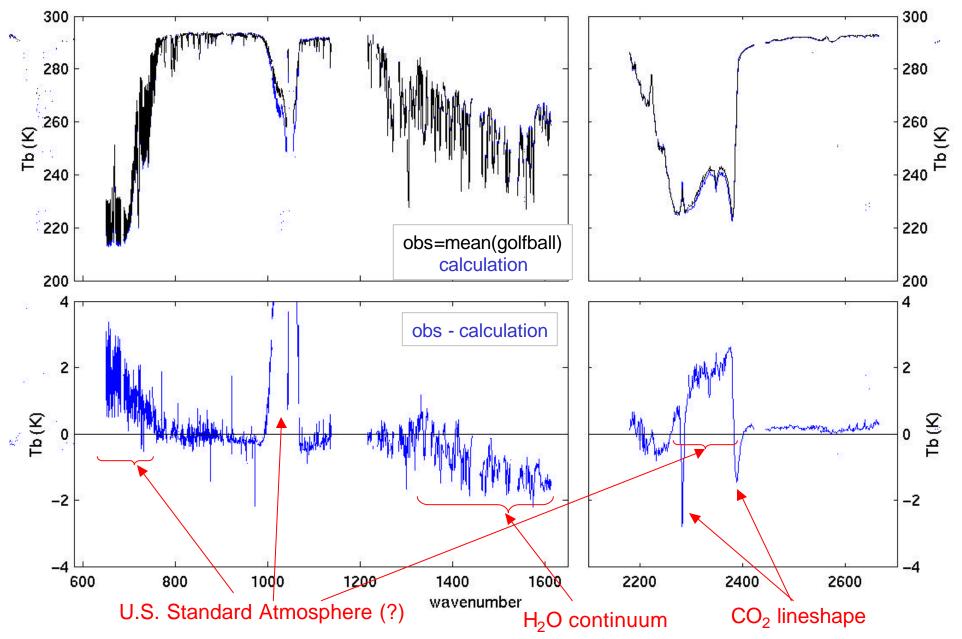
GOES Sounder 12μm

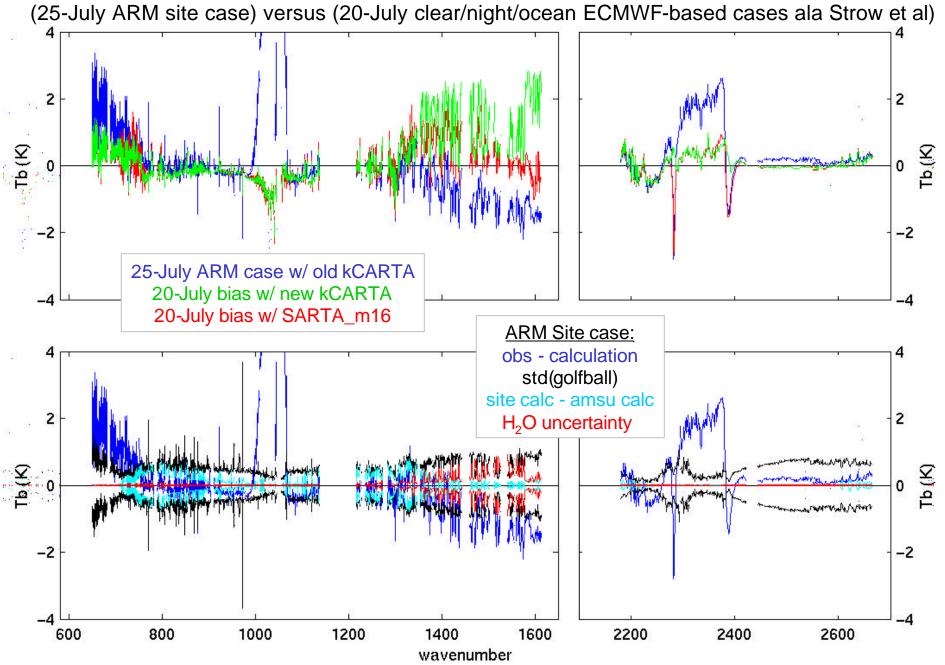
hour of day (UTC)

amplitude (log of counts)

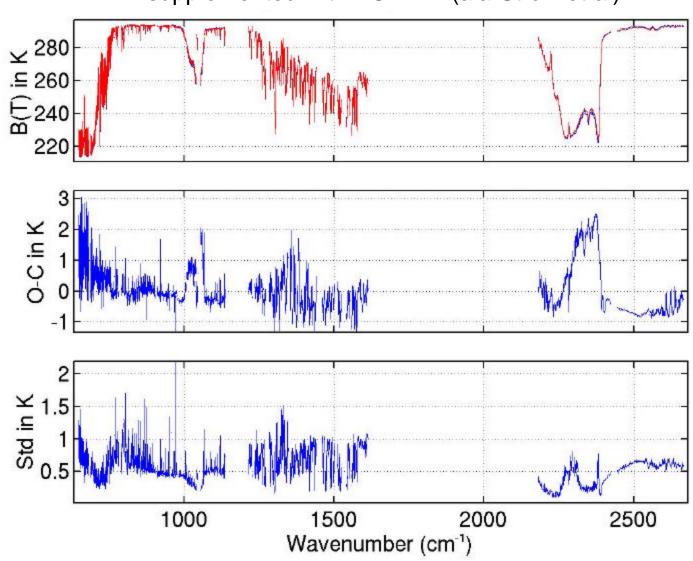


This calculation uses "old" kCARTA and AMSU-fov best estimate T, q, and LST/ε + U.S. Standard atmos





Obs-Calcs with "new" kCARTA using ARM best estimate supplemented with ECMWF (ala Strow et al)



upcoming aircraft under-flight opportunities

ARM "Grand Tour", SGP CART field program

- ARM objectives with Aqua underflights of opportunity
- Scanning-HIS on Proteus
- Based out of Ponca City, OK with flights over SGP ARM site
- Science flights from November 3rd to 16th

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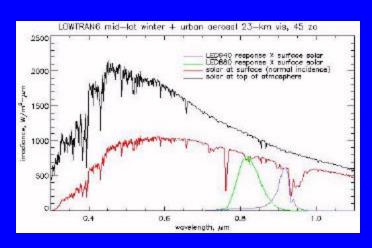
- Dedicated Aqua MODIS Level 1B validation mission. Chris Moeller (CIMSS/SSEC/UW) is the mission scientist.
- Scanning-HIS, NAST-I, MAS, and CPL on NASA ER-2
- Ground based AERI-bago observations for LST/ε validation
- Based out of San Antonio with flights over the Gulf of Mexico and SGP ARM site
- Science flights from November 20th to December 12th



Sun/Haze Water Vapor Photometer

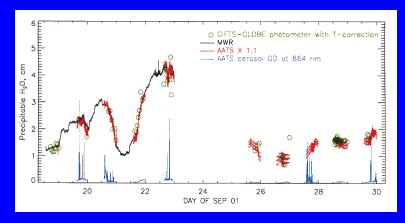
http://tellus.ssec.wisc.edu/outreach/gifts/sp_measure/sp_meas_home.htm

An Education and Outreach Activity for validating Total Column Water Vapor from space based measurements with surface observations from schools around the world in collaboration with GLOBE Program









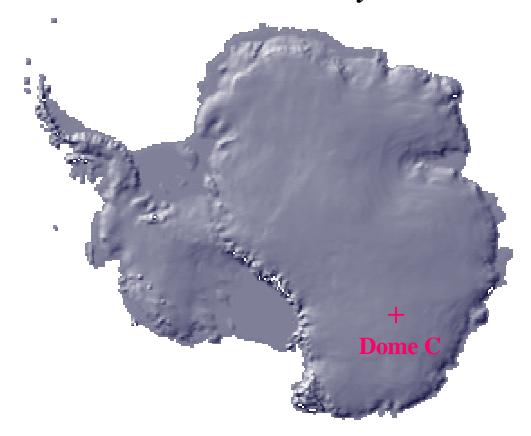
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UPDATE:

Validation of AIRS over the Antarctic Plateau: Low radiance, low humidity, and thin clouds



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Bob StoneNOAA-CMDL

Scheduling of Experiment

• 2 January 2003 Field team arrives at Dome C

• 2 – 9 January 2003 Set up for validation experiment

• 9 – 31 January 2003 Acquire validation data

• 4 February 2003 Field team leaves Dome C

• Dome C validation experiment is scheduled to begin around 9 January 2003, which is currently Launch + 251 (Launch + 8 months).

Validation Instruments

 PAERI – Polar Atmospheric Emitted Radiance Interferometer (Von P. Walden, University of Idaho)



• IRT - Infrared Radiometric Thermometer (Bob Stone, NOAA-CMDL)



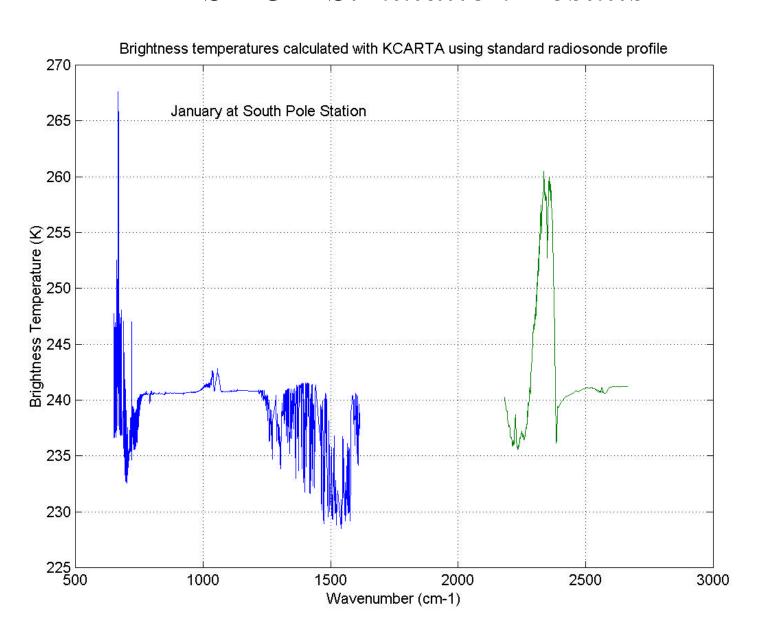
 Atmospheric Sounding System – in collaboration with French Astrophysics group

(Eric Fossat, U. Nice)

AIRS TOA simulations using kCARTA

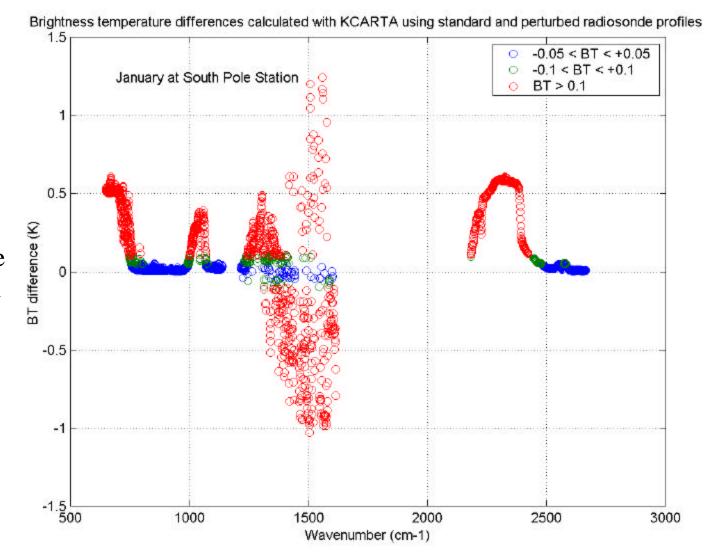
- Used radiosonde data from January at South Pole Station
 - Similar meteorological conditions to Dome C
- Ran *kcarta* with measured radiosonde data, then again with large uncertainties added in both T and H₂O profiles.
 - T: +0.5K (0-30 km), +1K (30-60km); RH_{ice}: +10% (0-4km), +25% (4-7km) [Walden et al. (1998), JGR, 3825-3846]
- Compared brightness temperature spectra for two cases.
- Determined which wavenumbers would be best for validation
 - Category 1: < +/- 0.05 K,
 - Category 2: < +/- 0.1 K,
 - Category 3: > 0.1 K

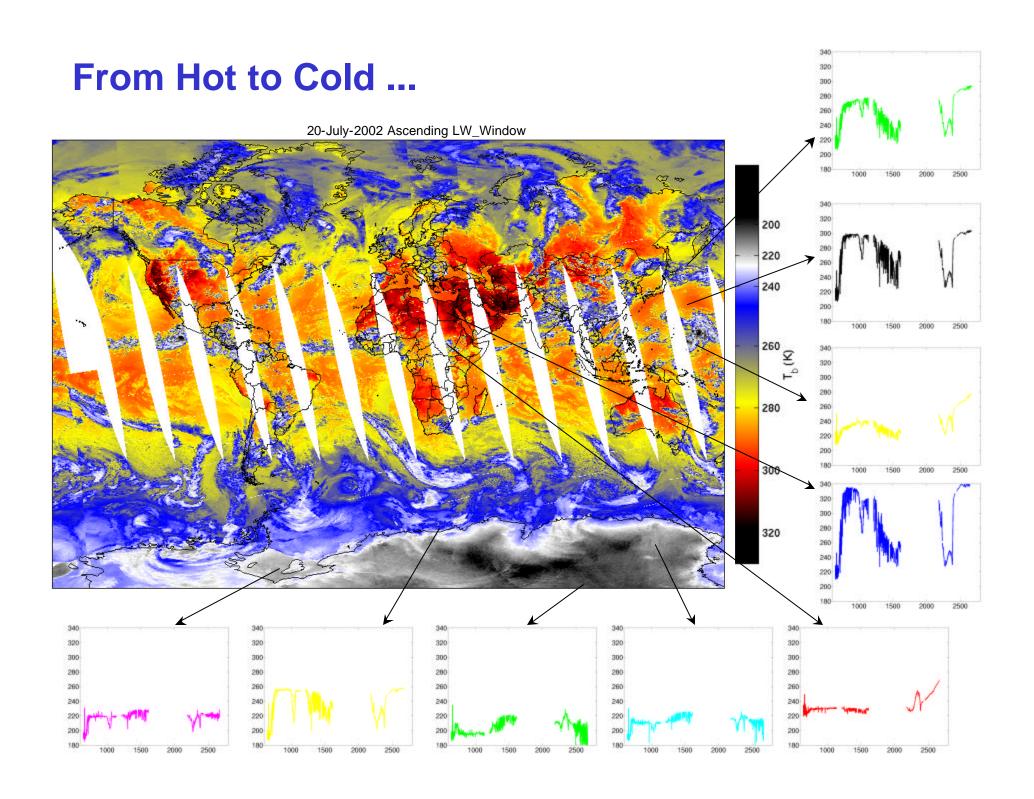
AIRS TOA Simulation Results



AIRS TOA Simulation Results

- 46% of AIRS frequencies can be validated with errors less than 0.05 K due to radiosondes.
- Frequencies can be validated throughout the $H_2O v_2$ band.
- Many validation frequencies exist in the 2616 cm⁻¹ region





To Coldest ...

Dome Concordia 20 July 2002 Obs-Calc

